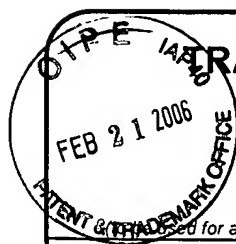


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL
FORM

Use for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

10

Application Number

10/807,457

Filing Date

March 24, 2004

First Named Inventor

Mitsugi CHONAN

Art Unit

3681

Examiner Name

David D. Le

Attorney Docket Number

032405R167

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

☐ Fee Transmittal Form☐ Fee Attached☒ Amendment / Reply☐ After Final☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)☒ Extension of Time Request☐ Express Abandonment Request☒ 2nd Information Disclosure
Statement☐ Certified Copy of Priority
Document(s)☐ Reply to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application☐ Reply to Missing Parts
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53☐ Drawing(s)☐ Licensing-related Papers☐ Petition☐ Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation
Change of Correspondence Address☐ Terminal Disclaimer☐ Request for Refund☐ CD, Number of CD(s) _____☐ Landscape Table on CD☐ After Allowance Communication to TC☐ Appeal Communication to Board
of Appeals and Interferences☐ Appeal Communication to TC
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)☐ Proprietary Information☐ Status Letter☒ Other Enclosure(s)
(please identify below):

4 cited documents with abstracts

Remarks

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm

Smith, Gambrell & Russell

Signature

Printed Name

Dennis C. Rodgers

Date

February 21, 2006

Reg.
No.

32,936

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Signature

Typed or printed name

Date

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.